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MEMORANDUM FOR: Information Systems Board Members

FROM: 25X1

Executive Secretary to the Board

SUBJECT: Minutes of 12 December 1984 Meeting of the
                               Information Systems Board   (U)

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2. _____ asked the Board members to send any additions   25X1
or corrections of the minutes to the Executive Secretary.   (U)

3. _____ thanked the Computer Security Working Group for   25X1
its "Computer Security Investment Strategy, FY 1985-91," lauding the
report as one of the best produced to date under the auspices of the
Board.   Following _____ summary of the eleven computer   25X1
security initiatives recommended by the Working Group,
_____ opened the discussion by observing that an agreed   25X1
upon data sharing policy was needed before the Board could assess
the security threat or determine the remedies required.   He
suggested that if CIA were to prohibit non-CIA use of our databases,   25X1
our computer security problems would diminish. _____
disagreed.   As the CIA representative to the Community's Information
Handling Committee, he felt under constant pressure from the other
representatives to make CIA databases available to the rest of the
Community.   Increased networking and data sharing is coming, he
said, and ignoring the security implications now will only make the
job of installing adequate security measures more costly and
difficult in the future. _____ pointed out that   25X1
information is the core of the intelligence business and decisions
about sharing that information -- when, how, and with whom -- should
be made by the highest level policymakers. _____ and   25X1
_____ agreed that the DO is in the position of being unable   25X1
to share its information because sources must be protected.

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[____] drew a distinction between substantive intelligence -- where the level of risk is proportionately lower and the need to share greater -- and operational information where the high level of risk precludes sharing.   (C)   25X1

4. [____] commented that the elements of an informal data sharing policy already exist: (1) we do share data -- it is our job; (2) we must protect our sources; and (3) we make case-by-case decisions of which data to share with which customer as events dictate. He suggested that this might be enough. Several Board members agreed. [____] remarked that any policy would have to be changed regularly to keep up with changing requirements. [____] suggested that even a "rolling policy" would be helpful as a benchmark on where we are and where we are going in data sharing. He and [____] agreed that we need to tie future investment decisions to information sharing goals. [____] pointed out that the Working Group's first five recommended initiatives -- system auditing and accountability, network security, access and authentication controls, advanced encryption, and the control of data storage media -- were "motherhood" and were imperative regardless of any data sharing policy. He argued that these areas had not received adequate attention or funding in the past. [____] agreed and commented that automated system auditing was necessary regardless of whether or not it was done "real-time."   (C)   25X1

5. [____] asked if there was a consensus that the first five initiatives should be funded if possible and the Board members approved. [____] then agreed to ask the appropriate senior Agency officials for their support in finding funds in the 1985 and 1986 budgets for the first five initiatives. He then adjourned the meeting.   (C)   25X1
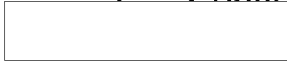
6.   The next meeting will be 18 January 1985 in Room 7D64, Headquarters, at which time the Board will be briefed by ODP on the Network Environment and Workstation (NEWS) Program.   (U)

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